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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An endoscopic apparatus for harvesting a desired blood vessel comprising:
 - an endoscopic barrel including at least two lumens, one of said lumens dimensioned for receiving an endoscope;
 - a handle disposed at a proximal end of the endoscopic barrel;
 - a cone portion disposed over a distal end of said endoscopic barrel, said cone portion having a distal exterior surface; and
 - at least one manipulator fork arm having a manipulator fork disposed on the distal end thereof, said manipulator fork arm being extendable through said cone portion for dissecting the desired blood vessel,wherein said cone portion includes at least one fork recess in the distal exterior surface for receiving said at least one manipulator fork when in a retracted position such that a ~~contoured~~ conical profile of the distal exterior surface of said cone portion is maintained.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) The endoscopic apparatus of claim 1, wherein said endoscopic barrel includes at least three lumens and said apparatus further

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comprises a cutting device extendable from said cone portion for cauterizing and ligating the desired blood vessel.

4. (Previously Presented) The endoscopic apparatus of claim 3, wherein said cone portion further includes a cutting device recess in the distal exterior surface for receiving said cutting device when in a retracted position such that a contoured profile of said portion is maintained.

5. (Original) The endoscopic apparatus of claim 1, wherein said at least one manipulator fork includes a control assembly permitting rotational and translational movement of said at least one manipulator fork.

6. (Previously Presented) The endoscopic apparatus of claim 5, wherein said at least one manipulator fork comprises a fork arm and a distal fork.

7. (Original) The endoscopic apparatus of claim 6, wherein said control assembly comprises a rotatable control mechanism slidable within a predefined track on said handle.

8. (Previously Presented) The endoscopic apparatus of claim 6, wherein said control assembly further permits swivelling of said distal fork relative to said fork arm.

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9. (Previously Presented) The endoscopic apparatus of claim 8, wherein said at least one manipulator fork further comprises a fork swivel control tube disposed over said fork arm.

10. (Previously Presented) The endoscopic apparatus of claim 9, wherein said control assembly further includes a swivel control ring disposed on said handle.

11. (Previously Presented) The endoscopic apparatus of claim 1, wherein said endoscopic barrel includes at least three lumens and at least two manipulator forks.

12. (Currently Amended) An endoscopic apparatus for harvesting a desired blood vessel comprising:

an endoscopic barrel including at least two lumens, one of said lumens dimensioned for receiving an endoscope;

a handle disposed at a proximal end of the endoscopic barrel;

a cone portion disposed over a distal end of said endoscopic barrel; and

at least one manipulator fork arm extendable through said cone portion, said at least one fork arm having a manipulator fork disposed on a distal end thereof for dissecting the desired blood vessel;

wherein said cone portion remains disposed over the distal end of the endoscopic barrel during harvesting of a desired blood vessel.

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13. (Previously Presented) The endoscopic apparatus of claim 12, wherein said endoscopic barrel includes at least three lumens and said apparatus further comprises a cutting device extendable through said cone portion for cauterizing and ligating the desired blood vessel.

14. (Previously Presented) The endoscopic apparatus of claim 12, wherein said endoscopic barrel includes at least three lumens and at least two manipulator forks.